Shifting of CGHS dispensary, Janakpuri

4849. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering shifting of CGHS dispensary at B-1, Janakpuri to bigger accommodation on public demand;

(b) the action taken by Government and the options available;

(c) whether progress of action in the matter has been slow; and

(d) if so, the remedial action proposed and by when the work would be accomplished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Advertisement was issued on 25.11.2001 by the CGHS for hiring accommodation to house the CGHS dispensary (B-1, Janakpuri). Four offers were received in response to the advertisement out of which two have been recommended by the Architect, Central Design Bureau (CDB) of the Dte. General of Health Services. For the remaining two offers, detailed information has been sought from the owners of the building as per advice of the CDB. Hiring of buildings by the CGHS requires completion of the necessary administrative and technical formalities. These are expected to be completed at the earliest.

Entry pay scale of Pharmacists

4850. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1491 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the grant of entry scale of Rs. 4500-125-7000 per month to Pharmacists possessing qualification of Diploma in Pharmacy is not in accordance with the ACP recommended by the Pay Commission;

(b) whether it is a fact that entry pay scale is not in accordance with the assurance given by Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Government has given entry scale of pay of Rs. 4500-125-7000 per month of Pharmacists possessing qualification of Diploma in Pharmacy, in accordance with the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission. ACP scheme recommended by the Fifth Pay Commission deals with the problem of stagnation and hardship faced by the employees due to lack of adequate promotional avenues.

Condition of Dental Wing of RML Hospital

4851. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dental Wing of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital is most filthy and neglected;

(b) whether it is a fact that Dental OPD does not function on Saturdays;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to open Dental OPD on Saturdays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Wednesday and Saturdays are being observed as operation days by the Dental Department of Dr. RML Hospital. Operations are being performed by the concerned doctors in their respective rooms. However, dental emergency cases are attended to immediately by the doctors on duty.

At present there is no proposal to open dental OPD on Saturdays.

Misutilisation of funds under RCH Programme

4852. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to check the misutilisation of funds under Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that these funds have been directed for other purposes in many States;

(c) if so, the details of the same;